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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government Pilot Project implemented with financial support of the WorldBank intended to help farmers overcome drawbacks and adopt modern farming techniques will be implemented in four districts of Andhra Pradesh from this financial year;

(b) if so, the projects that will be implemented and the districts in which these projects will be implemented;

(c) whether besides Andhra Pradesh other 20 districts in the States of Bihar; Himachal Pradesh,Maharashtra, Orissa and Punjab have also been selected for the implementation of the project on an experimental basis; and

(d) the extent to which the implementation of the project in four districts of Andhra Pradesh has been successful?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Innovations in Technology Dissemination (ITD) component of World Banksupported National Agricultrual Technology Project (NATP) is under implementation in Andhra Pradesh since November, 1998.

(b) & (c) The States and the districts selected for pilot testing Innovations in TechnologyDissemination (ITD) component are as follows:-

State	Districts
Andhra Pradesh	Kurnool, Prakasham, Adilabad, Chittoor
Bihar	Dumka, Muzaffarpur, Madhubani, Mungher
Himachal Pradesh	Shimla, Hamirpur, Kangra, Bilaspur
Maharashtra	Ahmednagar, Amravati, Aurangabad, Ratnagiri
Orissa	Khurda, Koraput, Ganjam, Sambhalpur
Punjab	Gurdaspur, Jallandhar, Sangroor, Faridkot.

(d) The Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) has been registered as anautonomous agency in Kurnool under the Chairmanship of District Collector with a Governing Boardrepresenting various Stakeholders including farmers' representatives. The ATMA has prepared the District Strategic Research and Extension Plan (SREP) reflecting the felt needs of the farming community. Annual Action Plan based on the SREP has been prepared for undertaking various technologydissemination programmes. Funds to the extent of Rs.121.22 lakhs have been released to the ATMA directly.

ATMAs have been registered in remaining three districts also. SREP for Prakasham districthas been finalised whereas capacity building and human resource development activities have been initiated in Adilabad and Chittoor districts.